

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is submitted pursuant to a telephone conversation between the undersigned counsel and Examiner Collins on August 30, 2006. The purpose of the amendment is simply to reinsert as dependent claims, original Claims 2-9 and 15-17. Since each of these claims depends, directly or indirectly from Claim 10, which is believed to be allowable in view of the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated June 19, 2006, and since each of these claims was previously already of record, Applicants respectfully submit that their addition to the present application does not raise any additional issues or require any further search or consideration, and that therefore entry at this time is appropriate.

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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